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enacted. So if at some point the Judiciary Committee would decide to add all these types of things to that bill of mine, I would...well, I would not mind. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Synowiecki, on the committee amendment.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I, too, support the Judiciary Committee amendments in the underlying bill, LB 17. But, Senator Brashear, I do have a question with regard to Section 18.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: It is with regard to purposes or reasons for allowing an inmate to leave custody of the county or city jail. I notice that the new language pertains, Senator Brashear, to outpatient treatment, but there is no mention of inpatient treatment. And I asked Senator Hartnett, I believe this is Senator Hartnett's portion of the bill and if he wants to answer the question as well, why there's no provision for an inpatient treatment leave for these offenders, knowing that offenders that are typically in jail are in need of a higher level of treatment than an outpatient setting.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: In the process of working with Senator Hartnett, his staff, on LB 298, Senator Synowiecki, the issue came up of whether it was to be for in treatment or outpatient, and the specific situation which he desired to address and which we crafted to was to deal with the outpatient only. There is no prohibition against inpatient at the present time, depending on how it's structured and how the jurisdiction runs the program, but of course you need an authorization to allow somebody out of jail to do outpatient and to be out from under custody on a temporary basis and to return while getting the daily outpatient treatment. That was what Senator Hartnett wanted to address, and has had this bill before the committee more than once, and that's what we did address. I would return...I'm just answering